



Hebden Bridge Board Vision Workshop

Workshop Notes

18th of June 2024

Hebden Bridge Town Hall

Attendance

Councillor Kate Kimber

Councillor Josh Fenton Glynn

Councillor Sarah Courtney

Councillor Scott Patient

Graham Mynott

Sue Slater

Carol Stow

Angie Mossman

Others in attendance

Rob Shipway

Zakariya Ali

Introductions and election of chair

Councillor Kate Kimber has been elected as the new Chair of the Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd Board.

A thriving town that balances its role as a district centre and visitor centre ?

What is the current state of play ?

Thriving – lack of balance

Limited shopping

Evening economy – After 2pm business drops off

What is the sense of direction

- Moving towards tourism
- Visitor centre – bars

What do businesses think ?

What does the community think ?

Look at neighbourhood plans

Week varies quite & rush

Group One

Business

Challenges

- No large premises available
- Lack of parking also the cost parking is expensive
- Hidden businesses and getting locals to shop

Opportunities

- Creating a culture for Hebden Bridge
- Loyalty cards/ gift card scheme also collaboration amongst businesses.
- Park and Ride
- Review the parking charges (30 minute price)

Tourism

Challenges

- Parking, especially peak weekends
- “weekenders” unsociable behaviour
- Disability access issues when overcrowded

Opportunities

- More clear sign posting, notice boards
- Hebden Bridge trail
- E-bikes, bike lanes and storage

Group two – Infrastructure

Challenges

- Roads and car parking
- Flood Resilience and climate threat

- Housing and the lack of affordability
- Private company timetables – Buses/ trains

Opportunities

- Road/ rail/ canal connections
- Cycling and walking routes
- Climate as a driver of change
- Active travel model shift/ mobility hub
- Accessibility as opportunity
- Hotels

Third Sector

Challenges

- Places for young people not being shared
- Revenue funding for groups

Opportunities

- Venues in comm. o/ship
- Strong community resilience
- Town council funding support to VCS Volunteer “cohort” + experience
- Community anchor network